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For: A STACKABLE PLASTIC  
BOX BLANK AND  
METHOD OF FORMING  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Please note that no English translation of French Patent Nos. FR 2440880 and FR 2268700 was readily available. However, both of these references were cited in the International Search for PCT/SG97/00039, on which this Application is based. The Examiner considered both these documents to be a "document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents, and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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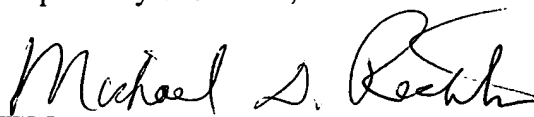
desire to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. The Applicant specifically reserves all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter and submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. Moreover, submission of this document should not be considered an admission that the references cited herein are proper prior art to the aforementioned application.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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